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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

WHITBY RURAL DISTRICT

for the Year 1958.



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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WHITBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

1958 stands out as a year of quiet progress. In a district such as this in which preserving the character of the villages is a very important aid to maintaining holiday traffic, the improvement grant system is particularly valuable and 49 houses were improved with the aid of these grants.

As will be noticed in the section dealing with Infectious Disease there were no notifications of the dreaded poliomyelitis, nor even of whooping cough ; everybody will be pleased if poliomyelitis, a steady summer visitor from 1947 to 1955, has now got tired of the district, perhaps made to feel unwelcome by the considerable number of inoculations performed in order to discourage him. There were in this year no notifications of any infectious disease from mid-April to early August, though influenza, with notifications in April and August of influenzal pneumonia and an appearance in the Death Returns, has exacted its toll.

The difficulties in reorganising the milk supply consequent on this area having become a specified area in 1956 seem now to have been overcome.

Attention is drawn to the excellence of the refuse collection service described by Mr. Thompson. Many much more thickly populated places might well be envious of the regularity and frequency of this. Members of the Rural District Council will be disturbed to read the last paragraph of Mr. Thompson's introductory letter with its emphasis on the quantity of time which one or two sections of the Public Health Inspectors' work can take up.

I am,

Yours obediently,

B. SCHROEDER,
Medical Officer of Health.

District Health Office,
Grape Lane,
Whitby.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY, 1958.

Name.	Qualifications.	Office held.	Whole or part time.	Other Public Offices held.
B. SCHROEDER	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health.	Whole.	Medical Officer of Health Whintby U.D.C. Assistant County Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.
F. J. THOMPSON	M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.	Chief Public Health Inspector.	Whole.	
A. H. GILL	M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.	Additional Public Health Inspector.	Whole	

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Population—

Registrar-General's Estimate, mid-1958 11,610

Rateable Value, 1st April, 1959 **£101,240**

Sum represented by a Penny Rate, 1959-60—£400.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births—Legitimate	72	86	158
Illegitimate	—	2	2
	—	—	—
Total	72	88	160

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population 13.8

Corrected Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population 16.7

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population, England and
Wales 16.4

	Male	Female	Total
Still Birth—Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	—	—	—
Total	2	2	4
	—	—	—

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births 24.4

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births,
England and Wales 21.6

Deaths of Infants under one year—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	0	2	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	—	—	—
	0	2	2
	—	—	—

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births	12.5
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births England and Wales	22.6

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	0	1	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	—	—	—
	0	1	1
	—	—	—
	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	84	84	168
Crude Death Rate for 1,000 estimated population			14.5
Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population			12.0
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population, England and Wales			11.7

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1958.

According to the Registrar-General's Classification:—

	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	0	1	1
Syphilitic Disease	0	1	1
Meningococcal Infections	0	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	1	3	4
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	0	1
Malignant Neoplasm, breast	0	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	0	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	8	10	18
Vascular lesions of nervous system	18	20	38
Coronary disease, angina	17	10	27
Hypertension with heart disease	1	2	3
Other heart disease	15	18	33
Other circulatory disease	4	3	7
Influenza	1	0	1
Pneumonia	3	1	4
Bronchitis	5	2	7
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	8	13
Motor vehicle accidents	0	0	0
All other accidents	3	1	4
Suicide	1	0	1
	—	—	—
	84	84	168
	—	—	—

TABLE OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS—MALES.

Cause of Death.	Under 4 wks.-									
	4 wks.		1 yr.		1-4		5-14		15-24	
Malignant Neoplasm—Stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm—Lung, Bronchus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm—Other Sites	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5
Coronary disease, angina	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	6
Hypertension with heart disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other heart disease	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	10
Other Circulatory Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Hyperplasia of Prostate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Motor Vehicle accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Suicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	26
										37

(completed from local records, showing 1 male death less than Registrar General's total.)

TABLE OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS—FEMALES.

Cause of Death.	Under 4 wks.-										
	4 wks.	1 yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 +
Tuberculosis—Respiratory	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Meningococcal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm—Stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm—Breast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm—Uterus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm—Other Sites	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	3	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	15
Coronary Disease, Angina	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	4	4
Hypertension with Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Other Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	7	9
Other Circulatory Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Other Accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Totals	1	1	—	—	1	1	3	7	8	20	42

COMMENT ON VITAL STATISTICS.

These are generally satisfactory. It will be noted that more than half the deaths occurring below the age of 65, at which many people retire, are due to cancer, vascular lesions of nervous system ("strokes"), or coronary disease (sudden heart attacks).

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(Other than Tuberculosis).

Infectious diseases were notified as follows :—

Measles	8
Pneumonia	3
Scarlet Fever	1
Food Poisoning	2
Erysipelas	1

TUBERCULOSIS, 1958.

During the year no new cases of tuberculosis were notified.

SUMMARY OF MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY AT WHITBY—1958.

Group	Attendance.			Referred to the Chest Clinic.				No Significant Abnormality
	Miniature Films	Large Films	Active P.P.P.T.	Inactive P.P.P.T.	Bronchial Carcinoma	Other Abnormalities		
Hospital Management Committee—								
Nursing Staff	13	2	—	—	—	—	2	
Other Staffs	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Local Government—								
Teachers	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Nursing Staff	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Police	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Others	56	1	—	—	—	—	1	
Civil Servants and Nationalised Industries	56	1	—	—	—	—	1	
Sundry Firms	100	2	—	1	—	—	1	
Whitby Public Session	222	5	—	—	—	—	5	
Whitby Total	497	11	—	1	—	—	10	
Danby Public Session	142	10	—	—	—	2	8	
Hinderwell Public Session	197	9	—	—	—	—	9	
Grand Total	836	30	—	1	—	2	27	

HOSPITALS.

The Hospitals in Whitby are administered by the Scarborough, Bridlington, Malton and Whitby Group Hospital Management Committee:—

(1) **WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.**

A General Hospital with an Out-patient Department.

(2) **ST. HILDA'S HOSPITAL.**

Specially equipped for the care of the aged sick.

(3) **ESKDALE HOSPITAL.**

A General Hospital with a Maternity Ward, which was enlarged and improved in 1958.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Scarborough and Middlesbrough Isolation Hospitals are available for the admission of infectious diseases.

Special arrangements are made for cases of Poliomyelitis.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE AREA BY THE NORTH RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL.

Care of Mothers and Young Children.

Infant Welfare Centres are held as follows:—

Grape Lane, Whitby.

Each Tuesday, 2.0—4.0 p.m.

Women's Institute, Hinderwell.

Alternate Thursdays, 2.0—4.0 p.m.

Downe Arms, Castleton.

Third Wednesday each month, 2.15—4.15 p.m.

Nelson Memorial Hall, Lealholm.

Second Friday each month, 2.0—4.0 p.m.

The Mount, Helredale, Whitby.

Alternate Thursdays, 2.0—4.0 p.m.

The Institute, Sleights.

Third Monday each month, 2.0—4.0 p.m.

The Ante-Natal Clinic at Grape Lane, Whitby, is held each Wednesday, from 2 to 4 p.m.

When required, patients attending Centres and Clinics may be referred to the following special clinics, also held at Grape Lane, Whitby:—

Orthopaedic Clinic.

Artificial Sunlight Clinic.

Eye Clinic.

Dental Clinic.

Speech Therapy Clinic.

Throughout 1958 no Speech Therapist was available.

Home Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.

For the purpose of these services, Whitby Rural District is divided into nursing areas, as follows:

Area.	Nurse's Name and Address.	Tel. No.
Danby and Castleton	Nurse M. PHILLIPS, "Greenhills," Castleton.	Castleton 352.
Glaisdale	Nurse M. JAGGAR, "Honey Bee Nest," Glaisdale.	Glaisdale 257.
Goathland, Egton and Grosmont	Nurse C. A. P. SUTCLIFFE, Eskdale House, Grosmont.	Grosmont 65.
Hinderwell and Staithes	Nurse E. LONGSTER, 42, Seaton Crescent, Staithes.	Hinderwell 246.
Lythe, Sandsend and Sleights	Nurse E. M. GARBUTT, Nurse's House, Lythe.	Sendsend 273.
Robin Hood's Bay, Fylingdales and Hawsker.	Nurse M. SMITH, Middlewood Close, Thorpe.	Robin Hood's Bay 367. Whitby 963.
Midwifery Only. Sleights, Aislaby and Sneaton	Nurse W. BRETHERICK 10b, Well Close Square, Whitby.	

The duties of Health Visitors include the visiting of homes for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children. It is their duty to visit every home where there is a child below school age, so that the mother may be encouraged to discuss even the most trivial worry with the Health Visitor, who may then reassure her, or get her to seek expert advice.

In addition, they visit and advise expectant or nursing mothers, persons suffering from illness, including tuberculosis, and aged persons.

Vaccination and Immunisation.

During the year under review the numbers dealt with in the combined area, Whitby Rural and Urban district, were as follows:—

	Immunisations.		Smallpox	Vaccinations. Whooping Cough	
	Primary.	Refresher.		Re-vaccination.	Vaccinations Primary.
Under 5 years	185	—	203	—	153
5—14 years ...	9	37	10	4	—
Over 15 years	—	—	5	12	—

The total numbers of children immunised at any time up to 31st December, 1958, were as follows:—

Under 5 years	712
5—14 years	2,508

During 1958 1,933 persons were vaccinated against poliomyelitis having received two injections. A start was made on third injections in 1958 and 399 persons had been dealt with at the end of the year.

Ambulance Service.

One large ambulance and two light ambulances (utilicons) are now housed in a garage off Stakesby Road, Whitby.

Occasionally Miss Bruce and her helpers in the Hospital Car Service have helped the ambulance service, and assistance has also been given by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Domestic Help Service.

Helps are provided when necessary, and 21 cases in the Rural District received assistance during 1958.

Payment for the service of a domestic help depends on income and necessary expenses, and varies from a possible full rate of 3s. 0d. an hour to a free service.

Mental Health Services.

The Mental Health Services are administered by the County Council. The Duly Authorised Officer for the area is Mr. G. V. Lee, District Welfare Officer, Grape Lane, Whitby. Tel. No. Whitby 235.

Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.

An active Voluntary Care Committee serves the needs of the area, its chief functions being to provide extra nourishment, clothing, bedding, medical comforts, nursing equipment, etc., and to do everything possible for the welfare of persons suffering from tuberculosis and other illnesses.

The Secretary of the Care Committee, Mr. K. Birdsall, has kindly prepared the following extract from his Annual Report:—

The work of the Care Committee during the year ended March 31st, 1959, included the following:—

During the year ended 31st March, 1959, the following items of assistance have been given:—

Tuberculosis.

3 patients received extra nourishment consisting of 18 jars Bovril, 16 tins Horlicks and 4 tins Ovaltine.

Extra meat, milk, butter and eggs provided for family (4 children) during school holidays at Christmas and Easter, when 3 children would miss free meals and milk.

Bedding supplied in 3 cases.

2 pairs trousers and 1 pair Wellingtons supplied for a patient's child.

1 pair Wellingtons supplied for another patient's child.

Travelling expenses paid to wife of patient in Sanatorium—1 occasion.

Christmas gifts of £1 P.O.'s to 14 patients.

Other Illnesses.

Shoes provided for child suffering from after effects of poliomyelitis—3 pairs odd sizes.

Extra nourishment provided for children of two families after measles, consisting of milk, oranges, eggs, cod liver oil and Horlicks.

Equipment Loaned Out.

Dunlopillo Mattresses	3
Bed Cradles	1
Rubber Sheets	7
Self-propelled Wheelchair	1
Bed Rests	3
Bed Blocks	1
Air Ring	1
Other Items	6

Chiropody Service.

113 patients have received treatment on 795 occasions, including 12 home treatments.

This service had a temporary interruption early in 1959, due to Mr. Ellison's illness and to Mr. Batty's retirement. Mr. Ellison resumed in March, and in replacement of Mr. Batty, Mrs. Baxter, of Scarborough, was appointed to hold special sessions fortnightly at the Grape Lane Centre.

Meals Service.

The W.V.S. "Meals on Wheels" service came into operation in January, 1959, and as a service of this nature had been contemplated earlier by the Care Committee, whole-hearted support to the W.V.S. scheme was given.

The organisation and delivery of the meals is entirely undertaken by the W.V.S., the running costs are almost exclusively borne by the Care Committee, and a good liaison exists between the W.V.S. Organiser, Miss E. F. Bruce, and your Secretary.

Up to 31st March, 1959, 411 meals had been served to needy old people, of which 369 were subsidised by the Care Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT
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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
1958

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WHITBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Miss Ostergard and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Sanitary Circumstances of the District and on the work of the Public Health Inspector's Department for the year 1958. The year was one of progress, particularly in the fields of sewerage provision and the improvement of housing accommodation.

Water supplies were satisfactory in general. The privately-owned undertaking serving Egton Bridge was taken over by the Council and connected to the Regional Water Scheme, from which it is now fed instead of from private springs as before.

Good progress was made in the provision of village sewerage schemes and Lythe and Stainsacre villages were sewered. A start was made on the sewerage of Newholm village.

49 houses were improved with the aid of Improvement Grants, an increase of 20 over the previous year. More use is being made of these grants as they become better known. 24 new houses were built during the year (1 by the Council and 23 by private owners) and one unfit house was voluntarily demolished by the owner.

Meat, housing and drainage inspections occupied most of your Inspectors' time, as can be seen from the table at the end of this report. The number of meat inspection visits was a record, housing inspections are increasing due to more use of Improvement Grants, and the execution of sewerage schemes involves the supervision of many house drainage connections. All these activities leave little time for our many other duties.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

F. J. THOMPSON,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA. WATER SUPPLY.

General.

There were no shortages of water in the area supplied by the Council's water schemes, apart from minor troubles due to bursts and low pressures. Of the 22 parishes in the Rural District, 21 have piped water supplies, 17 being supplied by the Council and 4 by both the Council and private undertakings. The remaining parish, Hutton Mulgrave, consists mainly of farms in one ownership, and the Estate concerned has provided piped supplies to these farms by means of individual and grouped water schemes.

Taking Over of Private Supplies.

The privately-owned undertaking serving Egton Bridge was taken over by the Council from the Estate Company concerned and the system connected to and fed from the Regional Water Scheme, instead of from private springs as formerly.

Renewals.

The old 2in. diameter water main serving Long Row and the Bungalows, Port Mulgrave, was renewed in 3in. diameter C.I. pipe, at a cost of £413 7s. 0d. for 200 yards of piping.

Council-owned Water Schemes.

The Regional Water Scheme supplies Aislaby, Borrowby, Castleton, Danby, Dunsley, East and West Barnby, Egton, Egton Bridge, Ellerby, Fylingthorpe, Goldsborough, Hawsker, Hinderwell, Houlsyke, Kettleness, Lealholm, Lythe, Mickleby, Newholm, Newton Mulgrave, Raw, Robin Hood's Bay, Roxby, Runswick Bay, Sandsend, Scaling, Sneaton, Stainsacre, Staithes, Ugglebarnby and Ugthorpe.

Commondale, Goathland and Port Mulgrave—each of these three villages has a separate water scheme.

Privately-owned Water Schemes.

Grosmont, Sleights and Iburndale (Whitby Waterworks Company) .

Commondale.

Esk Valley, Grosmont.

Glaisdale.

Westerdale.

Piped Supplies to Dwellinghouses.

23 houses were connected to the Council's water main and 9 to the mains of private undertakings. At the end of the year 3,780 houses were on main water supplies, either publicly or privately-owned, representing 84 per cent. of the total number of houses in the district. The remainder, 704, are mostly isolated houses and farms which have their own private supplies. Only a very few houses are supplied by public standpipe.

Water Samples.

Twenty-six samples were taken for bacteriological examination, as follows:—

	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Public supplies owned by Council ...	12	8
Supplies to individual Houses and Farms	—	1
Proposed supplies	—	5
	—	—
	12	14
	—	—

Most of the unsatisfactory samples were due to repeated sampling of a few polluted springs. Where polluted supplies were discovered, the necessary steps were taken to make them safe or to provide alternative supplies. None of the major supplies was found to be seriously polluted. The Regional Water Scheme, Goathland Water Scheme, and the supply of the Whitby Waterworks Company, which serves part of the Rural District, are chlorinated. The Regional and Goathland Schemes are also filtered, and the Regional Scheme water is treated to counteract possible plumbo-solvency.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

New Schemes.

Substantial progress continued on new sewerage schemes, under the direction of the Council's Engineer and Surveyor (J. Kennell, Esq., A.M.I.C.E., M.I.Mun.E.) and the following schemes were completed:—

Village.	Description of Work.	Contract Price.
LYTHE.—	2,388 yards of 6in. dia. pipes connected to existing sewerage system at Sandsend	£6,080 12 10
STAINSACRE.—	438 yards of 6in. dia. pipe with sewage treatment works	£3,272 16 0

A sewerage scheme was commenced at Newholm and was still in progress at the end of the year.

General.

At the end of the year the position regarding sewerage in the various villages was as shown in the following tables. It will be seen that there is still a considerable amount of work to be done in this field, but good progress is being made. As a result, it was possible to connect 78 houses to sewers during the year. Of the 4,484 houses in the district, 2,637 are connected to sewers.

Villages Properly Sewered (17).

Aislaby, Sleights, Iburndale ..	Combined scheme, sewage treatment works.
East Barnby	Sewage treatment works.
Runswick Bay, Ellerby, Port Mulgrave	Combined scheme, sea outfall.
Fylingthorpe	Sewage treatment works.
Goathland	Three separate schemes, all with sewage treatment works.
Dalehouse, Hinderwell, Staithes	Combined scheme, sea outfall.
Robin Hood's Bay	Sea outfall.
Sandsend and Lythe	Combined scheme, sea outfall.
Stainsacre	Sewage treatment works.
Ugthorpe	Sewage treatment works.

Villages Needing Re-Sewering (2).

Castleton, Mickley.

Villages Needing Sewering (12).

Ainthorpe, Commondale, Danby, Egton, Egton Bridge, Glaisdale, Grosmont, Hawsker, Lealholm, Newholm, Sneaton, Westerdale.

Small villages whose sewerage could be considered after those listed above have been dealt with (16).

Beckhole, Borrowby, Dunsley, Golden Grove, Goldsborough, Green End, Houlsyke, Kettleness, Littlebeck, Raw, Roxby, Ruswarp, Scaling, Stonegate, Ugglebarnby, West Barnby.

Closet Accommodation.

The completion of sewerage schemes has enabled the conversion of dry closets to water closets to be accelerated, and 64 such conversions were carried out during the year. Many of these conversions were carried out as part of improvement grant schemes under the Housing Act 1949. In other cases the Council makes a grant of £5 towards the cost.

Number of dry closets converted to W.C.'s ...	64
Number of additional W.C.'s provided in existing houses	23
Number of W.C.'s provided in new houses ...	29
Number of houses with W.C.'s	3,374
Number of houses with dry closets	1,110

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Refuse Collection Service.

This work is carried out by direct labour, 3 lorries and 8 men being employed. The service undertakes the emptying of dustbins and closet pails. As the district covers 176 square miles and the population of 11,610 is spread over 52 villages and hamlets, the service can be considered to be a really good one.

All the villages and hamlets in the Rural District have a collection of refuse of a frequency as stated below:—

Weekly Collections (30 villages).

Ainthorpe, Aislaby, Castleton, Commendale, Danby, Egton, Egton Bridge, Glaisdale, Goathland, Grosmont, Hawsker, Hinderwell, Houlsyke, Iburndale, Lealholm, Lythe, Newholm, Port Mulgrave, Robin Hood's Bay, Runswick Bay, Ruswarp, Sandsend, Sleights, Sneaton, Stainsacre, Staithes, Stonegate, Thorpe, Ugglebarnby, Westerdale.

Fortnightly Collection (22 villages)

Barnby East and West, Beckhole, Borrowby, Dalehouse, Dunsley, Ellerby, Esk Valley, Flask Inn, Fryup, Fylinghall, Golden Grove, Goldsborough, Green End, Kettleness, Littlebeck, Mickleby, Newton Mulgrave, Raw, Roxby, Scaling, Ugthorpe.

Refuse Disposal.

This is mainly by tipping at two tips, one man being employed. A small proportion of refuse (14 per cent.) is dealt with at the refuse disposal works of the Whitby Urban District Council. The proportion of refuse disposed of at each place is stated below:—

Mickleby Tip	615 loads
Goathland Tip	288½ loads
Whitby U.D.C. Works	147½ loads
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	1,051 loads
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The amount of refuse collected and disposed of continues to increase, the number of loads dealt with in 1958, i.e., 1,051, comparing with 970 loads in 1957. This increase is due to the building of new houses and the increased output of refuse from individual houses.

Cesspool Emptying.

55 privately-owned and 20 Council-owned septic tanks were emptied, amounting to 99 750-gallon loads.

The cost of refuse collection and disposal for the year ended 31st March 1959, was £7,617, equal to a rate of 1s. 7d. in the £.

Salvage.

Salvage work is undertaken in conjunction with the collection and disposal of refuse. The following table shows the weight and value of the various items of salvage sold during the year:—

Material.	Weight				Value.		
	T.	C.	Q.	lb.	£	s.	d.
Rags	1	6	0	12	26	7	0
Bones	—	1	3	18		19	1
Scrap Metal	1	3	0	14	19	12	2
Waste Paper	16	1	0	0	120	7	6
Miscellaneous					5	5	3
	18	12	0	16	£172	11	0

Street Sweeping.

This is carried out by the Council's workmen at Staithes, Hinderwell, Runswick Bay and Robin Hood's Bay.

Public Conveniences.

The Council has provided and maintains Public Conveniences at Castleton, Danby, Fylingthorpe, Glaisdale, Hinderwell, Lealholm, Robin Hood's Bay (2), Runswick Bay, Sleights and Staithes (2). There are also Public Conveniences at East Row and Sandsend, which are provided and maintained by the Mulgrave Estate.

Requests for similar facilities at Egton, Egton Bridge, Goathland, Runswick Bank Top and Westerdale have been received from the Parish Councils concerned. In view of the increasing number of summer visitors to this National Park area, the provision of Public Conveniences in these villages appears to be essential. The Council has to have regard, however, to its other heavy capital commitments, particularly in relation to sewerage schemes and sea defence works, and no progress was made during 1958.

HOUSING.

Rural Housing Survey.

The Survey was completed during 1949 and extended to all houses (other than agricultural dwellings) with a rateable value up to £26. The Survey records are kept up-to-date as far as possible, and the position at the end of the year is given below. The County Rural Housing Advisory Committee has decided that the Survey should apply to all

houses regardless of rateable value, and an effort will be made to survey the additional houses involved. It is obviously desirable that statistics should relate to all the houses in the district rather than to a proportion of them.

No. of Houses	Classification :			
Surveyed.	1	2	3	5
3,437	1,152	566	1,489	230

Notes on Classification.

Class 1.—Houses fit in all respects.

Class 2.—Houses requiring minor repairs.

Class 3.—Houses where structural repairs or alterations are required.

Class 5.—Houses not capable of being rendered fit at a reasonable expense.

DETAILS OF SANITATION.

No. of Houses Surveyed.	No. Without Internal Water Supply.	No. without Scullery Sinks.	No. With W.C.'s.	No. With Dry Closets.	No. Without Baths.
3,437	352	349	2,690	747	1,486
(2,956)	(625)	(568)	(1,829)	(1,101)	(1,673)

The figures in brackets show the position when the Survey was completed in 1949, and indicate that there has been a slow but steady improvement in the sanitation of the houses generally since then. The number of houses without internal water supply, sinks, baths and water closets is being rapidly reduced as sewerage schemes become available.

Unfit Houses.

There were 230 Class V houses at the end of the year, compared with 245 at the end of 1957. The reduction is mainly due to re-conditioning, much of it with the aid of Improvement Grants. Many of the Class V houses are week-end houses, used for holiday purposes only, and it will not be necessary to replace these houses with new ones.

Demolitions.

One house, Ash Villa, Runswick Bay, was voluntarily demolished by the owner, it having become uninhabitable due to subsidence.

Repairs and Improvements.

49 houses were improved with the aid of Improvement Grants, an increase of 20 over 1957. The grants totalled £9,193, an average of £188 per house. Since the inception of the Improvement Grant Scheme in 1951, 134 houses have been improved, the grants totalling £23,903, an average of £178 per house. The Council pays the maximum permissible grant of 50 per cent. in each approved case, subject to the limit of £400.

Overcrowding.

All known cases of overcrowding were reviewed, the number remaining on the Register at the year end being 5.

Movable Dwellings.

There are 19 licensed camping sites in the area, accommodating a maximum of 455 movable dwellings. In addition, licences were issued to station a further 31 individual dwellings on separate sites. The dwellings are mostly trailer caravans used for holiday purposes. Only one caravan, housing a single person, is occupied on a permanent basis. The number of trailer caravans, etc. used for holiday purposes continues to increase, indicating the popularity of this form of holiday.

New Houses.

Twenty-four new houses were built during the year, one by the Council and 23 by private enterprise.

Council House Applications.

There were 94 applications on the Register at the end of the year, of which 26 were from outside the Council's district. The corresponding figures at the end of 1957 were 87 and 29 respectively. All local applications are investigated and the Register is revised annually by writing to all applicants.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supplies.

There are 12 milk distributors and 3 dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949. In addition, there are 25 producer-retailers who are registered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Graded Milk.

There were 203 licensed producers of Tuberculin Tested Milk at the end of the year, an increase of 26 over the previous year.

Forty-six Dealers' Licences were granted by the Council under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations 1949, authorising the use of the special designations "Tuberculin Tested" (19), "Pasteurised" (17) and "Sterilised" (10).

Ice Cream.

Two premises were registered for the manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955. In both cases the ice cream is manufactured under the "cold-mix" system. In addition, 55 premises were registered for the sale of ice cream. The bulk of the ice cream sold in the district is manufactured elsewhere and consists mainly of well-known makes.

Meat and Other Foods.

There are 8 licensed slaughterhouses, including a small bacon factory. It is impossible for your two Inspectors to be present on all occasions when slaughtering takes place. The slaughterhouses are widely scattered, ranging in distance from 4 to 16 miles from the office, and slaughtering takes place simultaneously at several different premises, often in the evenings, and on Sundays at Egton slaughterhouse which engages in the wholesale trade. As many carcasses are seen as possible and all casualties. 96.8 per cent. of the carcasses and offals of animals slaughtered were inspected. Of the 352 carcasses not seen, 288 were those of sheep.

The number of meat inspection visits (846) was a record, as was the number of animals slaughtered (11,040). If 100 per cent. inspection is to be achieved, and this is essential in the interests of public health, then there must be some concentration in slaughtering by way of a reduction in the number of slaughtering points and some control over slaughtering hours. The alternative would be to increase the number of Inspectors, but the cost involved would be beyond all reason in relation to the amount of meat inspected.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
No. killed	1,284	465	97	4,667	4,527	—
No. nspected	1,270	465	97	4,379	4,477	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :						
Whole Carcases con- demned	—	6	—	12	3	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	70	106	—	90	145	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci	5.51	24.08	—	2.33	3.30	—
Tuberculosis only :						
Whole carcasses con- demned	3	2	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	29	24	—	—	103	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis ..	2.52	5.59	—	—	2.3	—
Cysticercosis :						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	1	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by re- frigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage24	.21	—	—	—	—

Condemned Food.

The quantity of unfit food of various kinds condemned during the year is given below. The amount of meat and offals condemned continues to decline, mainly due to the decrease in the number of casualty animals slaughtered, which was 1 per cent. of the total slaughtering.

Condemned meat and offals are stained and then disposed of by the butchers concerned by burning, burying, or to hound kennels or for processing by waste food reclama-
tion firms.

CONDEMNED FOOD.

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Meat	3	11	—	23
Offal	1	4	3	19
Canned Pork				4
Corned Beef				4
	4	19	—	27

Slaughterhouses.

There are 8 licensed slaughterhouses in the district, including one bacon factory. All are small premises, in most cases attached to the village butcher's shop, and slaughtering takes place usually once or twice each week. At the Egton slaughterhouse, which serves several butchers and also the wholesale trade, slaughtering takes place most evenings in the week and at week-ends.

Slaughtermen.

There are 69 slaughtermen licensed under the Slaughter of Animals Acts, 1933 and 1954, mostly for the purpose of slaughtering cottagers' pigs.

Food Premises.

The food premises consist of the types stated below. Due to other commitments in relation to meat inspection, housing and drainage works it was impossible to devote enough time to food premises generally.

Provisions	67
Sweets	5
Fruit and vegetables	4
Bread and cakes	10
Butchers	13
Dairies	3
Fried fish shops	6
Licensed premises	50
Hotels, guest houses, etc.	15
Cafes	27
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Seventy-six premises used in connection with the manufacture, storage or sale of ice-cream, preserved food, etc., were registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, as follows:—

Ice cream premises	57
Butchers' premises	13
Fish frying premises	6
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	76
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Rodent Control.

The Council's Rodent Operator dealt with 39 infestations of rats and mice, involving 49 treatments in all, and a total of 789 visits were made. Annual test-baiting of all the sewerage systems was carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Slight infestations were discovered in the Goathland (Mallyan) and Goathland (Incline) sewerage systems, and two treatments were carried out at six-monthly intervals.

Factories.

There are 31 Factories on the Register of which 25 use mechanical power and 6 do not. All the factories consist of small village businesses. Twenty-nine inspections were made and 3 cases of uncleanness were discovered and remedied. There are no Outworkers in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Summary of Visits and Inspections.

Water Supplies	17
Drainage	443
Refuse Collection	124
Refuse Disposal	98
Salvage	23
Food Inspection	846
Food Premises	16
Housing	700
Nuisances	144
Overcrowding	5
Camping Sites	81
Public Conveniences	127
Factories	29
Petroleum Storage	6
Disinfection	3
Disinfestation	2
Rodent Control	6
Milk and Dairies	2
Pig Keeping	5
Miscellaneous	27
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